

Torrance, California
November 23, 1938

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California on Wednesday evening, November 23, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

A communication was read from Leonard J. Young, extending an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to attend the dinner meeting of the Southwest District Highways Association at the Potrero Club, Inglewood, December 1, 1938 at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held November 9, 1938 and of a Special Meeting held November 17, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Clifford Watson, requesting a refund of \$6.00 on a service station business license, in that the lease on said station expired four months after the yearly license was taken out.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the \$6.00 refund be made. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Murray, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: McGuire and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting the services of the Torrance Municipal Band at the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce Meeting to be held January 12, 1939.

Clerk Bartlett also stated that the Christmas Program Committee had requested the services of the band at the annual Christmas tree program.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Torrance Municipal Band be authorized to play at the January 12, 1939 meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting that steps be taken toward remedying poor heating facilities in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Purchasing Agent Bartlett be authorized to obtain estimates on the trade-in allowance of the old heaters on the price of a new one, purchase of said heater to be authorized at a later date. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Carpenters Union 1478 A.F.L. recommending a Mr. John Yessen for appointment as building inspector in the City of Torrance, which appointment they had heard was being contemplated.

Clerk Bartlett stated that no such appointment was being considered at this time.

A communication was read from the League of California Municipalities, requesting an increase in the annual League dues from \$125.00 to \$200.00 due to changes in the League revenue and expenditure program.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted and that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to notify the San Francisco office of the League to this effect.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 309

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PLANNING COMMISSION;
FIXING TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS; AND REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 111.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 309 be suspended. Councilman Murray Seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 309 be adopted for first reading. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was

carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the bass violin had been returned to the City of Torrance on November 21, 1938.

Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Library held November 15, 1938.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the following requests by the Library Board be granted:

- (1) Purchase of a desk chair for the City Library.
- (2) Repair of walls in mens' rest room and placing of signs warning public against defacing walls.
- (3) Installation of telephone in library with unlisted number.
- (4) Purchase of Venetian blinds for library at a cost not to exceed \$40.00.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Acting Engineer Young reported that crosswalk signs at 182nd Street and Hawthorne Boulevard and 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue had been installed.

Mr. Young reported that in the matter of a directional sign which was authorized, an investigation had revealed that the sign requested would be in Redondo Beach city limits. He said he had advised the State Highway Department to this effect, who had promised to contact Redondo Beach in regard to the matter.

Mr. Young reported the program for expenditure of 1/4-cent gas tax funds to be complete, advising it will be in the State Highway Department office by Friday morning, November 25, 1938.

Councilman McGuire inquired as to what progress had been made on the archeological survey project.

Mr. Young replied he had delayed proceeding upon advice of City Attorney McCall until some definite agreement could be reached between the University of Southern California and the property owners as to the condition they intend to leave the ground in upon completion of the survey.

Attorney McCall corroborated Mr. Young's statements and added further that he had conferred with Dr. A.O. Bowden of the University on November 19 who had agreed, upon Attorney McCall's suggestion, to contact the land company and obtain a letter or specific agreement, thereby protecting both the City of Torrance and the University from any possible demand or condition which might arise in the future.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Southern California Automobile Club be authorized to place reflectorized railroad crossing signs on each side of the track at the grade crossing on Cedar Avenue where Santa Fe line crosses about one-quarter mile north of Torrance Boulevard; also, warning signs to be painted on pavement approaching the crossing.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved to amend a portion of the minutes of April 26, 1938 as follows: Robert B. Roberts to be appointed on Civil Service Board to fill unexpired term of Dr. Alden Smith, resigned, said term to expire December 31, 1941; and also Bernard Bunje to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of George L. Probert, resigned, said term to expire December 31, 1943.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow \$15,000.00 from Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, said amount to bear interest at the rate of 3% per annum. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire advised that the heaters in the Court Room are unsatisfactory and moved that Purchasing Agent Bartlett be authorized to secure recommendations of the Hoyt-alator Heater Company, together with estimates of prices, for a report at the next meeting. Councilmen Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the above company also give estimates and recommendations for the Chamber of Commerce heaters.

Councilman McGuire reported attendance of three Councilmen at the Metropolitan Water District ceremonies and described several interesting events of the day, especially the fine photography.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$170.00 be made for materials and labor for painting the fire department and garages. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation not to exceed \$615.00 be made for 500 feet of "Titan" Double Jacket Lightweight 1½" fire hose at a cost of \$375.00, and 200 feet of "Titan" Double Jacket Lightweight 2½" fire hose at a cost of \$240.00 for the Fire Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the request of V.G. Barlow for a pool and billiard parlor license at 1673 Cravens Avenue, submitted at the last regular meeting, be granted, per recommendation of Director of Public Safety Stroh. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bass violin be loaned to the Prairie Avenue School orchestra, with the understanding that the instrument remain the property of the City of Torrance, subject to return at any time upon request by the City.

Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a reflectorized sign be placed on the east side of Cabrillo Avenue where it is crossed by the Santa Fe Railroad track, and that railroad crossing signs be placed on both sides of the track for convenience of north-bound traffic. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Stanger, Manager of the Water Company, reported that the two wells being pumped are at the same level they were originally, although over one billion gallons had been pumped.

Councilman McGuire moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:36 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Baird
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:
[Signature]
Mayor of the City of Torrance